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(C) Pol/econ chief delivered reftel points May 16 to MFA U/S Ilgvars Klava and MFA PolDir Peteris Ustubs. Both said that any reaction from Latvia would be in the context of an EU statement and they would send instructions to Brussels to support a statement along the lines we requested. Klava added that Latvia has supported having the EU take a tougher line on Hizballah, but that other states have blocked it. He doubted that enough states within the union would change position to allow a designation of Hizballah and all its subgroups as a terrorist organization.  
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